

Merriam-Webster's Unabridged Dictionary:

permeable:

capable of being permeated : PASSABLE, PENETRABLE, PERVERSIVE *class lines are moderately permeable in a democratic society— Abram Kardiner* — used especially of a substance that allows the passage of fluids (a permeable membrane)

permeability

1: the quality or state of being permeable (the permeability of protective films) (the permeability of a membrane) (the water vapor permeability of leather is inherently high— Technical News Bulletin)

2 : the property of a porous material that is measured by the rate by volume at which a fluid of unit viscosity passes through unit cross section of the material under unit pressure gradient; specifically : a measure of the ease of fluid flow through rocks — compare Darcy, Darcy's Law

3 : the measure of the rate of diffusion of gas through intact balloon fabric usually expressed in liters per square meter of fabric per 24 hours under standard conditions

permeate

intransitive verb : to diffuse through or penetrate something (liquid permeating through the porous substance)

transitive verb

1 : to spread or diffuse through (the air is permeated by the pungent scent of tobacco— American Guide Series: North Carolina) (an atmosphere of distrust that has been allowed to permeate the government— Vannevar Bush)

2 : to pass through the pores or interstices of : penetrate and pass through without causing rupture or displacement — used especially of a fluid that passes through substances of loose texture (water permeates sand)

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